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until they find the state with the lowest Universal Service fund tax. I think it is imperative that the federal government step up to the plate and take care of that because, otherwise, it's going to set off another round of economic development shopping until the state that has the lowest universal service tax or no tax on interstate calls receives all the telemarketing headquarters.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: And I don't...Nebraska is not in a good position to compete because we have a low...low population base. We are a high cost state and it would be difficult for us to load all of those charges on the intrastate calls. And so I just urge that we encourage our federal representatives to take...to help encourage action in that regard. Thank you for the participation. I encourage the body to advance the bill to Select File, be glad to work on anything you're interested in in the meantime, and further discussion on Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The question before us is the advancement of LB 514 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 514.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 514 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 514A by Senator Bromm. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on LB 514A.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. After the bill was reported out of committee, it was necessary to introduce an A bill, and this A bill, as you will see, appropriates money from the Universal...the Nebraska Universal Service Fund for '99-2000, and 2000-2001, and this is basically for the receipts and costs that will be associated with administering that fund. It is not...not a General Fund item, but we have to have the